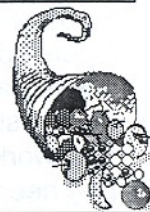




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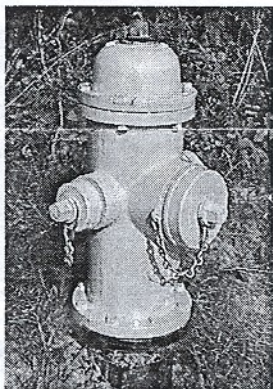
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WATER PROJECT NEARS COMPLETION

This has been a good summer both for farmers and for the orange vested construction worker. The water project is ahead of schedule and within budget. Those who have new fire hydrants installed near their homes are urged to contact their fire insurance carrier. They may be eligible for a reduction in rates. We appreciate the patience of everyone in face of the inconveniences associated with all such construction projects. Teal Industries is to be commended for their cooperation in addressing problems as they have occurred. Problems such as Don's sinkhole on Ross Lane, it is now just like the rest of the street.



NACE'S DAY CELEBRATION OCTOBER 14TH

Thanks are extended to all who participated in this year's successful Nace's day celebration. Trappe is believed to be the only community in Maryland, which celebrates Emancipation Day, the origin of this event.



NEW WASTEWATER PLANT HITS OBSTACLE



The latest obstacle to construction of the long planned wastewater treatment plant is a new Maryland Department of the Environment requirement. They now require the Town to agree to effluent standards, during the construction

period, that are beyond the ability of the existing plant. It seems silly to prevent construction of an improved facility because the old plant can't meet the new standards before the new plant is built. Never the less, that's how things stand.

WORK CONTINUES ON SPORTS PARK

Construction has been proceeding on the Home Run Baker Park all summer. Phase I, land mobilization included leveling the site, putting in base for the entrance and parking lot and some of the walking path and seeding. Boundary plantings and other landscaping should start soon. It is time to start work on backstops, dugouts, a concession stand, and laying out the all purpose playing field.

At the same time mobilization was taking place a local contingent of supporters have organized the "Friends of Home Run Baker Park" (FHRBP), a not-



The last step in this project will be the installation of water meters. This will occur in November. Billing by water meter will not occur until July 2001. Hopefully this will give the town office and system manager time to test the

reading system and give the Town Commissioners time to observe actual water use and set rates. The meter billing will result in the same revenue to the town but be fairer in that the billing will be based upon the amount of water used by each household.

NEW CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS ARRIVE!

Trappe is very appreciative of the generosity of the town of Hurlock for donating twenty Christmas decorations. This gift greatly helps in stretching our limited budget. This year's budget has been spent on new electrical drops and playground toys.

for profit corporation that will act as a focal point for working with Talbot County Parks and Recreation (who own the park) and as a fund-raising group to mobilize the matching funds required under Project Open Space funding. Skip Marvel, who has been spearheading the park effort since its inception, is the President of this organization. To date FHRBP has worked with Parks and Rec and the County Engineer to decide the lay-out of the park (no small task) and has linked up with the Mid-Shore Community Development Foundation who will act as a banker for fund raising activities. This step was taken so that donations for the park will qualify as charitable donations under the IRS code.



Major fund raising for the park is now getting started and seed-money is needed for this effort. Anyone wishing to make a donation can do so by sending a check made out to the Friends of Home Run Baker Park to the Trappe town office, PO Box 162, Trappe, MD 21673. If you wish to make other contributions to this effort, please contact Skip Marvel at 822-0734 or leave a message at the Town Office.

TRICK-OR-TREAT!

Halloween trick or treating is permitted on Halloween night Oct. 31 from 6 to 8pm. We worked that one out by ourselves. Parents are encouraged to take advantage of the annual Halloween party hosted by the Trappe Fire Department.



LAKEVIEW TODDLER PLAY AREA OPENS

New playground equipment has been installed at the Lake View toddler play area on Harrison Circle. Please enjoy this park safely. Your tax dollars are working to make Trappe a better place for our children.



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www.goeaston.net/~trappe/home.html
(be sure to type the "~" before trappe)

The *Welcome to the Town of Trappe* web site is being provided as a community service by the Commissioners of Trappe, in cooperation with the town's various volunteer workers and professional staff. Our goal is to provide a community-oriented site where visitors can find lots of helpful information about our town, its government, and the surrounding community. You will find public notices, local news and events, the agenda for town meetings, and minutes of previous meetings. Find out what's in your drinking water, how it's treated, and, how we treat our wastewater. Check zoning regulations, see what the weather will be like tomorrow, and discover links to neighboring towns and, other interesting sites on the Internet.

Our site has been in operation since January 2000 and is updated regularly. We are getting 300 to 400 visits per month. There is no charge for posting your local news and events items. E-Mail to twtp@goeaston.net or call 410-476-5297

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